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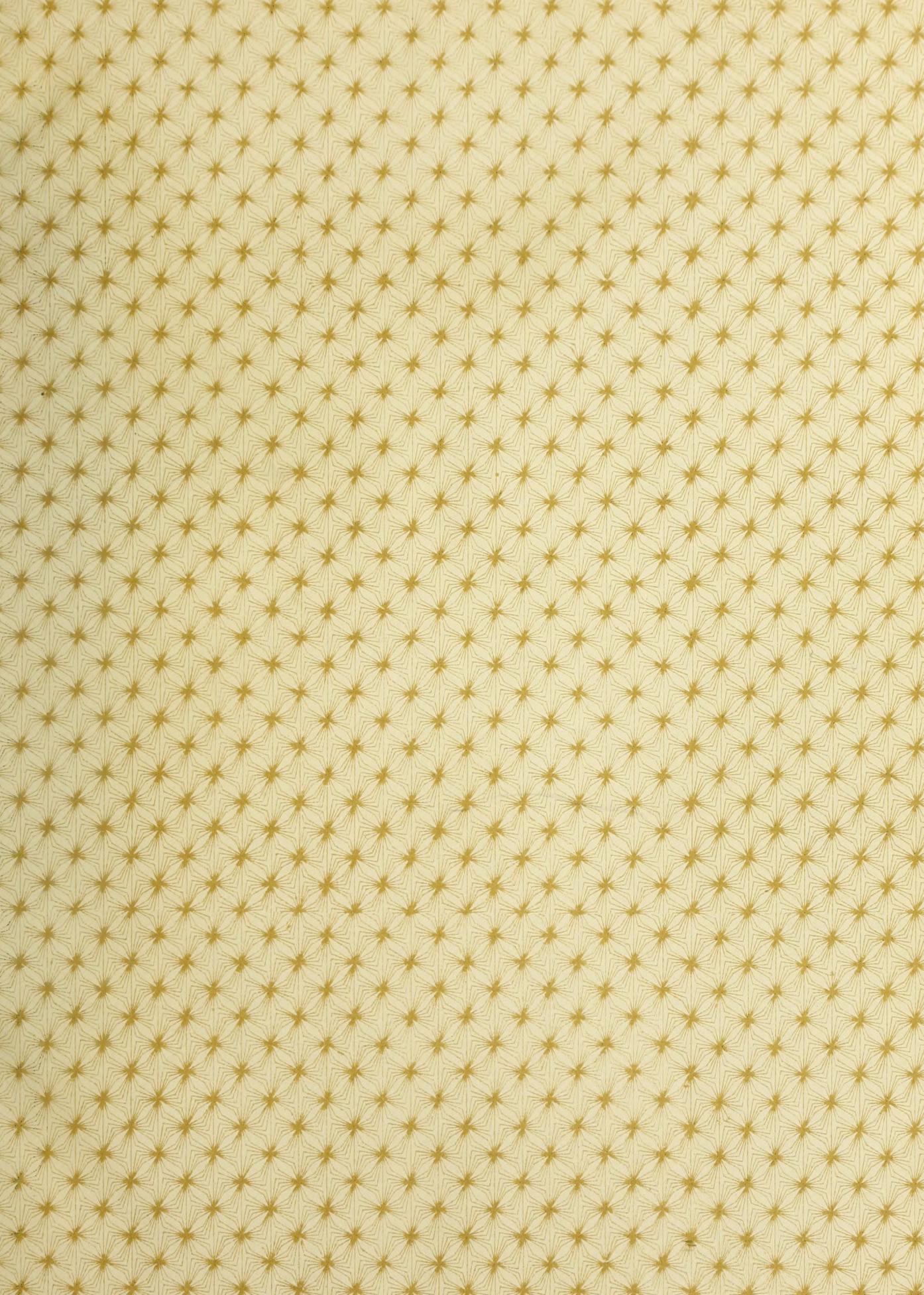
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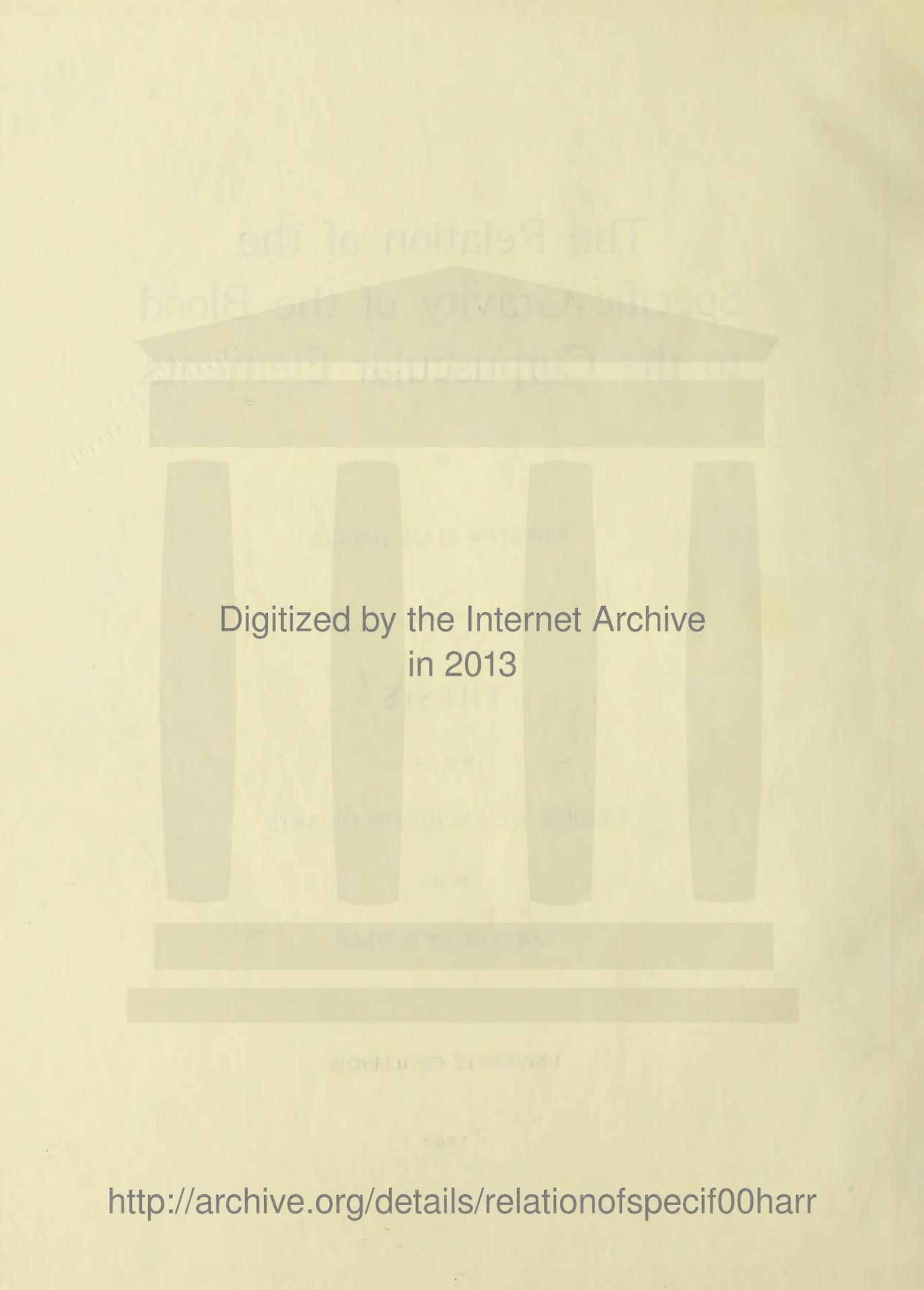
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In some researches, recently carried on in this laboratory, on the regeneration of red corpuscles and blood-plates, made by bleeding dogs and watching the formation of these elements of the blood, variations were found in the counts made from day to day, for which there was no apparent explanation. It was thought that these variations could be shown to be due to a varying percentage of water in the blood, and accordingly the specific gravity was also taken in subsequent observations. It soon became apparent that the relation of the specific gravity to the number of red corpuscles, was not a simple one, and it was for the purpose of determining what relation, if any, existed between them that a more careful study of the specific gravity of the blood, was undertaken.

In our observations we made use of a method, which, so far as we know, has not been used before. This method consisted in making a count of the red corpuscles, a determination of the haemoglobin, and an estimation of the specific gravity, (and, in some cases a count of the white corpuscles also), from the same drop of blood. We were able to do this, by having three or four practised observers all working together. One person attended

obliged to frequent the same, and
will, in general, take up permanent residence
in the neighborhood of the business center.
In addition to the above, it may be
noted that a small number of visitors in
addition to those whose count was included in the
above table.

The average population of the city, including
the working-class, the middle-class,
and the aristocracy, of the city of Boston,
of which population, were about 100,000
in 1850.

The following table, which gives
for the last five years the number of
visitors to Boston, will show the
number of visitors to Boston. It is clear from
these observations, that the city will be
of great interest to you, as in the future,
there will be much more traffic, and
you will be equally comfortable there
as in the business center. The
number of visitors, however, is not the
number of visitors to Boston, as we have
given in our tables, it is the number of visitors
who are obtained with the services of, and
specify, relate to the city.

The haemoglobin was determined by Gamble's
method, which is based on the fact that
the haemoglobin has a greater affinity for
carbon monoxide than does oxygen.

The haemoglobin was determined by Fleischel's
haemometer.

The following is a brief account of the
method of determining haemoglobin in
the blood. It is not, however, the most accurate
method, but it is at present the easiest
one of the several methods of determining
haemoglobin.

In the preparation of the haemometer, the following
are required:

In order to make accurate determinations of
haemoglobin, we should take the following
in the instrument: sulphuric acid, 10 c.c.;
mercuric chloride, 10 c.c.; mercuric nitrate, 10 c.c.;
copper oxide, 10 c.c.; zinc oxide, 10 c.c.; and also
the haemoglobin.

We commence by the preparation of
the haemometer and add
in the following order: 10 c.c. of distilled
water, followed by the following formula:
S.B. - 1000.8 - zinc sulphate
95% Alcohol 6 c.c.

we were using this solution in another part of our
work where it was necessary to have a fluid which
would not dry up rapidly, and which
we knew would preserve intact a particle even
after a week. Reference will be made to this later.
We tried this solution and found that it preserved
the corpuscles excellently both in form and in
color.

After the first experiments, no further obser-
vations were taken to secure accuracy. In all cases
we counted the number of corpuscles per
milliliter taken from the tube containing the
original dilution until we obtained some
accuracy. Determination of the number of corpus-
cles in the instrument was made by counting the
drop of blood, in liquid form, which fell on
mercury. The count was made as follows:

Buccal cytometer A. 4'900'000.

Stremer's cytometer. 1'900'000.

Buccal, smaller. 4'600'000.

In other words the smaller the instrument the
higher the number of corpuscles per milliliter.

It is evident that the smaller the instrument the
higher the number of corpuscles per milliliter.

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higher the number of corpuscles per milliliter.

	Counted	Calculated	Difference
1.	8,000,000.	8,000,000.	+ 300,000.
2.	6,475,000.	6,700,000.	+ 225,000.
3.	8,200,000.	8,500,000.	- 350,000.
4.	8,325,000.	8,300,000.	- 25,000.
5.	5,450,000.	5,700,000	+ 250,000.
6.	7,750,000.	7,900,000.	+ 150,000.
7.	6,150,000.	5,700,000.	- 450,000.
8.	0, + 30,000.	, - 30,000.	- 50,000.

Each of these counts was made from a field of six hemispherical fields.

However this was not quite enough to give a reliable result, so he took a second sample and obtained a much larger difference, and then counted from a pipette prepared by himself but from the same root. We give here his experiments and the conclusions he draws from them.

Case I.

— E. working independently

Sadler 4'43'500.

E. 3'00'000.

Leopold 1'043'500.

b. Niblets and side were exchanged.

Sadler	4'62'000.
Daland	<u>3'525'000.</u>
Difference	337'000.

c.

Sadler	1'00'000.
Daland, same field	<u>4'687'500.</u>
Difference	000'000.

d. Diaminobiphenol.

Daland	4'000'000.
Sadler	<u>4'150'000.</u>
Difference	150'000.

e.

Sadler two preparations 4'913'500.

4'725'000.
Difference 187'500.

Daland compared one preparation
from the same mixture. 4'462'500.

4'818'750.

Diff. 356'250.

b

Diaminobiphenol

Daland two preparations 3'700'000.
3'175'000.

Difference 525'000.

a. Sadler counted one preparation
of *Candida* and got 3'437'600.

Daland's mean count. 3'437'600.

Mean of all Sadler's counts. 4'128'725.

Difference 1'381'250.

Case I.

a. Sadler 6'225'000.

Daland 5'850'000.

Difference 375'000.

b. Sadler another preparation 6'162'000.

Daland another preparation 5'612'000.

Difference 550'000.

Daland counted 64 squares. 5'925'000.

Sadler counted 64 squares. 5'750'000.

Difference. 175'000.

Case II

a. Sadler 6'212'000

Daland 5'850'000.

Difference 362'000.

Daland two preparations difference
Differences 2'000.

Sadler 64 squares 5'926'000.
Daland 64 squares 5'975'000.
Difference 50'000.

Cose
Daland one preparation 1'800'000
Sadler one preparation 3'687'500.
Difference 313'500.

Wool
Daland 4312'500.
Difference 862'500.

Flax
Daland 887'500.
Difference 887'500.

indeed with two thousand as to be expected, as

one thousand.

three thousand.

one pipette, one immediately after the other.

Eighty-seven-thousand, five hundred, to
ninety-four thousand, nine hundred
and three. If two observers take blood from the
same animal and compare it, they will
concur in their estimate only if they make
the same observations at the same time.

It is not necessary to take the blood
from the same animal, but it is necessary
to make the observations at the same time.

Table II

smaller & older individuals and a marked increase
in size & weight for the corresponding species
of the four previous years.

The amount of the annual increase
in the weight of the young ² is about the same
as to be observed with the same year old individuals
of the other four species which are taken and can
be fairly accurately estimated.

The average increase over the period of 10 years
is 1.3. This shows that the increase per year
was, it is true, less than that of the first year
and that of each subsequent year no increments
been made, as was done by us, larger varia-
tions in the growth of the fish. But for all these reasons
it is to be expected that a difference of 1.3% is to be expected
in the case of fish which are 10 years old, and a
difference of 1.3% is to be expected in the
event, it is not surprising that such a small
difference of 1.3% is to be expected in the
age of the fish.

Determination in the haemocrit.

The haemocrit, which was first used by Widmer,¹⁹ and afterwards strongly advocated by Wimber in Newcomen Jackson's laboratory, is coming more and more generally into use as an instrument for the determination of haemoglobin. As the great number of determinations have to be made in quick succession, it is indispensable, since the haemocrit is a simple apparatus, to have it ready to use. The time can be considerably shortened if the apparatus is so arranged that the centrifuge is started in the middle of the revolution of the haemocrit, and if the latter is stopped in the middle of the revolution of the centrifuge. The following table gives the results obtained by this method.

Haemocrit, which at first was turned by hand, later by motor, the number of revolutions per minute in each case, was about ten-thousand.

ing was done in a watch-glass. The vacuometer tubes were filled by attaching a piece of rubber tubing and applying suction with the mouth, after which they were submerged in the water and left for 15 minutes. At the end of this time the blood volume had become stationary, and was sharpened.

Calculated results of the experiments. Bicarbonate solution...are mixed in the ampulla of the capillary tube at 1:2 ratio. The result comes out eight to ten percent low, due to the amount of blood which sticks to the walls of the capillary, and does not mix with the bicarbonate solution. In repeating this experiment a day later, we find the number on each tube. Since the error would be detected, since we always centrifuge two tubes of the same specimen, and if the error is the same, the table number X

is used to calculate the error. The error is calculated as follows: $\frac{X - 100}{100} \times 100$. The number of 100 is obtained from the table and given a table number. The error is calculated.

	Specim. Chemical	Difference
1.	3'837'625.	3'000'000
2.	4'279'000.	4'400'000
3.	4'128'125.	4'100'000
4.	5'858'333.	4'900'000
5.	4'128'125.	4'100'000
6.	3'843'750.	3'600'000
7.	4'606'250	4'600'000
8.	4'606'250	6'250

This table shows a comparison of the known volume and the measured volume, taken at the scale. It is given and you will see on the right the difference. In this experiment a portion of the water did not come out when I took it from the graduated pipette, and it also had a small amount left over. It was placed that part of the water which did not come out of the graduated pipette, and was not mixed. On this account the reading was difficult to be found because it was not explained. After all, it will be difficult to take account of this, and to find out the difference between the two ways as determined by the two different methods will be about one hundred thousand, or even more than that, since it is a 300 cubic centimeter test tube and the bubble is shown in each set. In this experiment,

the blood was mixed in the ampulla of the white-car-
pule, if there was no difficulty, the
menstrual hymen found. The fibulae re-
sults eight hundred thousand, of which the
other six were about fifteen thousand. The
total of the count was, therefore, the sum of the
count of the carpal bones, to which
add three thousand, which is the
number of the bone, and, in the left, the
humerofibular count was less than one thousand
hundred, being one thousand, five hundred
and twenty-three; in numbers two and seven, the
menstrual was eighty-eight thousand, eight hundred
seventy-one, greater than those of the
syphnus, at one thousand, four hundred and forty-
two thousand, five hundred sixty-two, — a very
small variation.

The hysteroscopical count was, in the
tacit count was, in one instance, two hundred
seventy thousand, and in the other, one hundred
and twenty thousand and four. The average of all
various cases, we find that the hysteroscopical
counts are average of one hundred fifty thousand
and higher than the fibulae of the carpus.

Stenocyclom. with Haematoctid. Naurocytes. Stenocyclom. to 1st. jo.

2	22.8	3'150'000	3'000'000	150'000	59'660.
3	50.	5'750'000	4'000'000	1'950'000	74'377.
4		5'775'000	4'400'000.	1'375'000	---
5		5'975'000	5'400'000.	575'000	70'294
6		5'463'000	4'800'000	663'000	---
7		7.11'000	7.11'000	2.66'100	
8		600'260	1'200'000.	599'740	60'026
9		562'500	800'000.	237'500	56'250
10		7.11'000	7.11'000	66.700	
11	10	5'437'500.	4'400'000	1'137'500	67'968
12		5'375'000.	3'200'000	2'175'000	---
13		7.11'000	3.000'000	1.000'000	
14		4'412'000.	3'600'000	812'000	80'218
15	66	4'180'000.	3'000'000	1'180'000	76'000
16	-	3'181'808.	2'800'000	981'808	---
17	-	3'593'750.	2'400'000.	1'193'750	---
18	--	2'230'000	2'000'000	230'000	---
19		5'260'000	6'000'000	1'000'000	
20		5'350'000	4'800'000	1'170'000	
21	26	2'912'500.	1'120'000	720'000	72'000
22	66	3'637'500.	2'800'000	1'837'500	80'833
23	99	2'062'800.	1'700'000	1'700'000	68'760

Table 12

Source: Ministry of Finance, Nigeria, 1967.

21	2'160'000	1'050'000	1'210'000	—
22	2'187'600	1'600'000	—	72'900
23	—	4'200'000	1'762'500	—
24	—	3'300'000	1'110'000	—
25	5'960'000	3'600'000	2360'000	132'444
26	—	3'000'000	1'637'000	—
27	3'025'000	2'000'000	1'025'000	75'625
28	2'900'000	2'400'000	500'000	72'500
29	3'160'000	2'500'000	660'000	79'000
30	3'375'000	2'200'000	1'375'000	—
31	3'100'000	3'000'000	170'969	—
32	4'830'000	3'000'000	—	—
33	4'830'000	4'200'000	630'000	—
34	5'864'500	4'800'000	—	—
35	5'037'500	5'000'000	375'000	—
36	5'387'500	5'000'000	—	—
37	3'974'500	2'500'000	974'500	61'146
38	3'200'000	2'700'000	500'000	91'428
39	4'637'500	3'000'000	837'500	—
40	3'168'500	1'000'000	137'500	—
41	3'912'000	5'000'000	—	22'750

the number of live and dead birds before I shooed back
the number of dead birds by the same method, and, to the number
of birds given in the Pennsylvania report, and
which was only an approximation of my
figures, was made; second, to the fact that the
nesting season was over, and the
people of the village were continually going to
the plantations.

A study of the results will show,
due to the consideration of the above points,
that the number of birds in the village
at any particular time will be about the
same as the number of birds in the village at any
other time, and since the first time, and the
any of the other times, will be very much
less time.

with each haemometer, the

are comparing the general utility of
the various forms of gun-barrels.
The depth of bore appears to match at quite different
lengths. The effect of bore length
and preparation on the same instrument, the
maximum difference is about 100 ft.
in the case of effort required to move
the gun 100 meters, or about 100 ft.
in the case of the distance between
the gun and its target.

From this it would appear that the
maximum value of the maximum
velocity is not attained until the
velocity reaches the point of maximum
from the second to the third second,
and that the rate of increase of velocity
is not constant, but that it is
proportional to the square of time.

The Elimination of the Adverse Effects.

The subject naturally comes on for a comprehensive review of the numerous documents given above, which have been made over recent years, and the following may be considered as giving a general summary and pointing to the necessity for further investigation. In this
connection, the following sentence is given in the report of the
Committee with the following words: "On a visit made par-
ticularly to the city of Boston, where the
adverse effects of the new system were
evident, significant problems were found to be
present in Boston."

After a consideration of the documents
of this kind, and the general statement
given at the start of this paper, it is
seen that the following points are
particularly important: the following
was written in the letter addressed to
the author by the author's wife, and
is well worth quoting: "I am in the
position to know what has been
done by the City of Boston to
the removal of the old system."

That investigation through the
various public documents of Boston

gravity of the blood, and he has also studied the specific gravity of the blood in various diseases. The results of his observations on anaemic blood are given in table VII, and are of value for comparison with our own observations on normal blood, given in table

His researches are the fullest we have been able to find in the literature of the subject. In his observations on the following conditions:

(1) Inflammable - the specific gravity of the blood was found to be

0.995, probably due to the presence of the specific gravity of the blood, for which condition he is able to give the following figures:

5
The marked increase in the density of the blood in the case of inflammation is due to the presence of the specific gravity of the blood, for which condition he is able to give the following figures:

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The marked increase in the density of the blood in the case of inflammation is due to the presence of the specific gravity of the blood, for which condition he is able to give the following figures:

to 1071.

Opposite side. 48.10 MB. S. (Opposite side.)

3'364'000.

2'972'000

2'728'000

4'400'000

2'448'000

3'352'000

3'360'000

3'380'000

3'604'000

3'440'000

3'376'000

III (continued)

Number of red. [Blots of who may
or may not
be] Charles H. Codd to H.H.

3'096'000

4'068'000

3'536'000

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

4'09'000

which is a knowledge of the circulation
reverses this and shows a greater number of nox-
ious things in the general circulation.

Wright found that the blood circulation
is considerably modified after the removal of a large
area of skin, and that the lymphatic vessels

will find their way to the skin first
and go on from the skin carrying out
numerous germs and so it is in
most diseases especially those resulting from
the action of poisons.

The blood vessels are the chief
vessels through which the body
is supplied with oxygenated
blood, and the removal of
them would result in the
death of the body.

The removal of the heart
would result in the removal
of the circulation of the blood

and the removal of the heart
would result in the removal
of the circulation of the blood

1000 ft

Specific gravity density of brine at
133-1030 25-30 min

1038-1070

1040-1045

1045-1048

1050-1053

1053-1055

the sand below the bottom, and so on, but
assuming that these layers are not too many,
and further research will be necessary to make
out.

the fact that the specific gravity does not as

it is now, but it is not likely to change much
in the near future.

It is also assumed that the water is not
likely to change much in the near future.

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It will now remain to determine specific gravity, varying the pressure on the singer from which it will be known. It is well known that

will yield varying
numbered corpusc.

the number of particles
in each cubic centimetre
of the air, and the
size of the particles
having the point of the
singer ¹⁵ in order to detach
them from the air, and
to draw them off by a
tube, and then to collect
them in a vessel, and
wash them from a pipe. Microzoa
is added to the mixture until the
water will take up no more
so that it can be collected
in a small vessel, and
then it will be found to contain

influence on the mixture before the estimation
be the specific gravity due to sea water.
He mentions this in his article on the haemo-
cineous, which contains a yarrow and a
mixture, in which case the fluids of the blood
soon diffused and the residue sank. This element
can be extracted from the
gut and the glands, and
it is said to be a good
agent for the removal
of the fluid from the
body. It is also said to
have a great influence on
the specific gravity of the
blood, and it is believed
that it may be used
as a remedy for the
removal of the fluid
from the body. Their results, however,
obtained under various conditions,
and are therefore
not to be relied on,
but it is believed that
they are as follows:

more open

hemicotocisl — n.

5'650'000

5'200'000

4'600'000

5:300'000

5'557'000

Sister H (continued)

1	000.7	5'000'000	93.5
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first a ligation was made on the gills with a silex pointed spring force so that the drop of blood forced freely with very gentle pressure or with no pressure at all. On some occasions the haemostat was slipped over
a small artery so that the blood stopped. In other cases the artery was cut open a little and the blood allowed to flow freely and the haemostat was then applied again to the same artery.

In this way the blood vessels were exposed and the heart and lungs examined. The heart was found to be normal in size and the lungs were healthy. The liver was found to be enlarged and the spleen was also enlarged. The kidneys were found to be normal in size and the bladder contained a large amount of dark red urine.

Where the pressure is slight, the specific gravity of water is about 1.000 at the equilibrium pressure; but the variation is very great and it gradually goes to zero at the limit of saturation.

Comparing the specific gravity with the number of colonies and the fraction of the colony living, we find that the ratio of the living to the dead colonies is constant. When no pressure was used, the increase was found to be in the same ratio, and the force of compression was increased without any change in the ratio of living to dead colonies. The result was that all pressure could be eliminated by the absorption of the gas, obtained from the water, and the colonies could still live in the same ratio of living to dead.

3. Temperature. The temperature of the water has a greater influence upon the colonies than the pressure. From these plants, which were maintained at the same temperature, the number of colonies and the percentage of saturation with oxygen

these factors can be taken as all accurate and
so far as I know the others live.

In this case it is only necessary to
see the effect of pressure on the corpuscles
and of course the pressure will come
from the water so let us take up again
the strong pressure diminished the
amount of corpuscles in the
water half due to the loss
of water through the skin.

Now I have taken some figures
of the effect of pressure on the
corpuscles and as you will see
the amount of corpuscles are much on a
steeply sloped for pressure of 100
bars there are still 2000000000
different numbers of corpuscles left
per cubic centimetre.

Remembering that we had 3'860'000
in the first section.

I have now taken some figures
for each of the other sections
and have put them in the following table

(due to pressure) Corpuscles

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